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## <u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-3 are pending in this application.

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I, found by the examiner to be illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2; and

Species II, illustrated in Fig. 3.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species I without traverse.

Claim(s) 1 is directed to the elected species.

Favorable action on the merits of claim 1 is requested. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Michael K. Mutter, Registration No. 29, 680 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.

Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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